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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2 and 3, and new Fig. 11. These sheets, which include Figs. 2-4 and 11, replace the original sheet including Figs. 2-4 and add a new sheet including Fig. 11.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-31 are pending, of which claims 22, 25-27, and 31 are withdrawn. Claims 1-19 and 32-26 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. The specification and the drawings have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 20, 21, 23, 24, and 28-30 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 20, and claims 21, 23, 24, and 28-30 depending therefrom, are patentable.

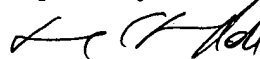
In addition, withdrawn claims 22, 25-27, and 31 depend from allowable claim 20 and are thus also allowable. Applicants respectfully request that those claims be reinstated and allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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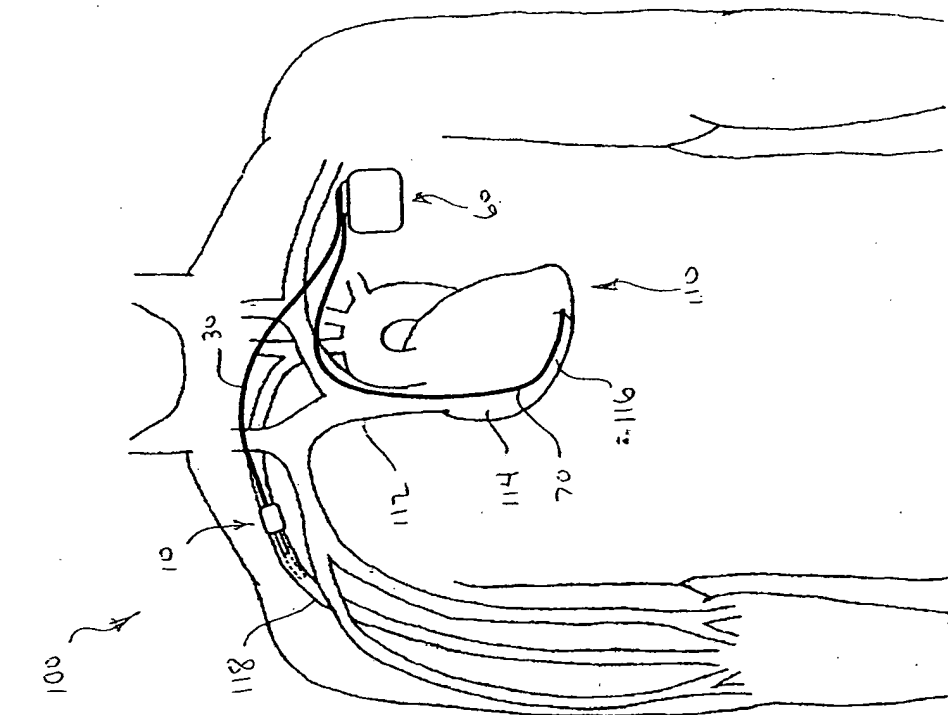


FIG. 4

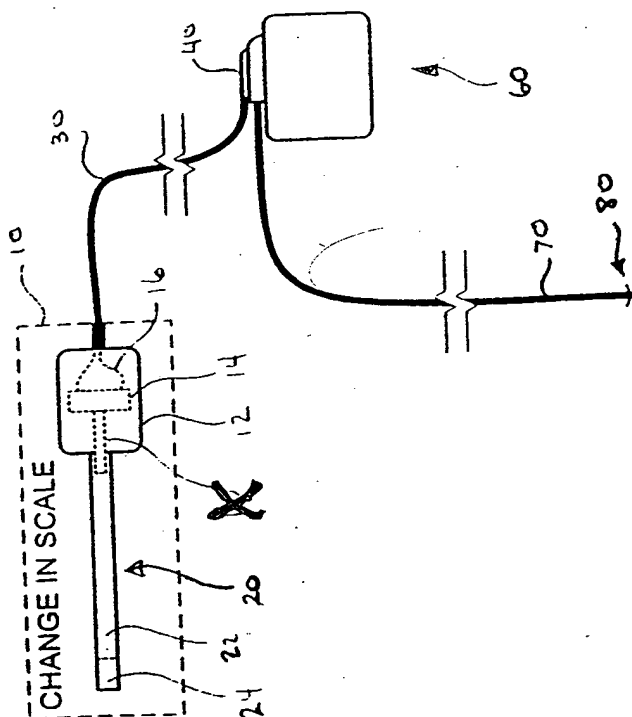


FIG. 2

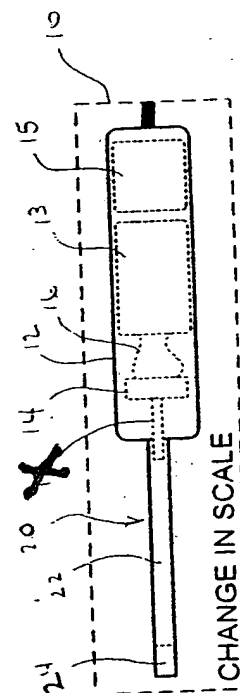


FIG. 3